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Letter dated 8 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations and Coordinator of the Least Developed Countries addressed to the Chairperson of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its meeting on 5 June 2001, the Least Developed Countries requested me, in my capacity as the Coordinator of this group of 49 countries, to bring to your attention the programme budget implications of paragraph 116 of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (A/CONF.191/11) adopted by the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Brussels from 14 to 20 May 2001.

The said paragraph states:

> "The Secretary-General of the United Nations is requested to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session his recommendations for an efficient and highly visible follow-up mechanism, including the possibility to transform the current Office of the Special Coordinator for the Least Developed, Landlocked and Small Island Developing States into an Office of High Representative for Least Developed, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States."

The least developed countries take the view that the above paragraph may have implications for the proposed programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6), particularly section 11A, Trade and Development, which relates to least developed, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States.

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In the light of the above, the Least Developed Countries have authorized me to request you and the Committee for Programme and Coordination to take this new decision into account as you consider section 11A, bearing also in mind that the Secretary-General will present his report to the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph 116 of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries referred to above.

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